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## FOOD AND TOYS DISTRIBUTED TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Elba today emerged from the Christmas-New Year holidays full of joyful memories. Every one of the needy families in western Coffee County were furnished with Christmas baskets due to the combined efforts of kind-hearted people and organizations.

Schools, closed for more than a week, resumed classes Monday and Tuesday. The school was shut down all last week, reopened for operations Monday. Most stores were closed Wednesday and Thursday last week.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce collected a truck load of canned goods in a house-to-house canvass, and another truckload at a theatre party for children, which were used to help fill Christmas baskets. Boy Scouts collected and distributed toys.

**All Remembered**

Mrs. Grace M. Ebert, Director of Coffee County Department of Pensions and Security, said this week that all families with children known to the department were remembered with bounteous baskets given by church groups, civic clubs, Salvation Army and individuals.

Many who were not receiving aid from the department, but whose "Christmas stockings" would have been empty due to circumstances beyond their control, were also remembered. "On behalf of the recipients, we would like to thank all who contributed so generously," she said.

**Best Decorated**

The home of Raymond Hill, on Opp highway, was adjudged best decorated residence and Wise's Men's and Boy's Wear store was adjudged best decorated place of business in the contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce but with judges selected from out of the city.

The home of Kimmye Dorsey was adjudged second while the homes of Willard Martin and Mrs. C. O. Miller were tied for third and fourth. Others receiving honorable mention were: Bill Davis, Robert Marsh, Shorty Lunsford, Lummie Plant, James Wise, Leroy Miller, Charles Lindsey and the Harper Sisters.

Commencement was also given to West Side Baptist Church and to the city of Elba for improved Christmas lights in the Public Square.

**Man Didn't Bite Dog But House Hit Auto**

A house got in the way of an automobile, and the result was a rude Christmas jolt for the occupants of both house and car.

William Ray Parrish, 17, of Elba, was the driver of the car which ran off a curve on Taylor Mill Road Christmas about 10:30 a.m. and drove part way under the house occupied by G. Nelson, on Taylor Mill Road, according to investigation of Police Chief Bow Dunaway.

Parrish was accompanied by Cecil Hall, Jr., and Bud Baldwin, two friends, when he lost control of the car and ran off the road on his right then jerked it back across the road and ran off again on his left, this time coming to rest with the front end of the car underneath the Nelson home. The house was owned by F. D. Veal.

**A. A. GROUP FORMED**

An Elba chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous is being formed with plans to hold regular weekly meetings. Anyone with a problem pertaining to alcoholism is invited to get in touch with the chapter by writing to Alcoholics Anonymous, care of The Elba Clipper, and the letter will be given to a member of the chapter.

## OUR WISH FOR '58



## ALL ALABAMA BENEFITS BY SALES OF ABC

Everyone of Alabama's 3,160,000 citizens is benefiting from the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's all-time record net profit of \$16 million recorded for the 1956-7 fiscal year.

Judge Harrell Hammonds of Lowndes County, Chairman of the ABC Board, has announced that this "King size" bonanza, under the law, has been distributed in the following manner: \$7,027,659.48 has been given to the State Pensions and Securities Dept. for Old Age pensions, and aid to the dependent children and the disabled of all 67 Alabama counties, wet and dry.

\$3,462,345.99 has been placed in the State's General Fund from which the Legislature, through its Budget Act, appropriates money to maintain a multitude of services for all Alabama, including industrial development programs, public library services, the State Health Dept., Veterans Affairs Dept., the Alabama Supreme Court, the Highway Patrol and many other agencies and their programs who live out of the General Fund.

\$1,639,368 was distributed to the 67 wet and dry counties who use these ABC funds with county monies to pay for local county government services.

\$1,853,350.13 was sent to all Alabama incorporated cities both in wet and dry areas, to help pay for local government.

The ABC Board's annual reports out: "Although there is no direct earmarking" of ABC profits to education, it should be noted that payments to the General Fund of the State, counties and cities may then be appropriated to the benefit of education, health, welfare and other government functions."

**BULLETIN!**

Lewey Stephens, circuit court solicitor since 1952, resigned effective December 31 and was succeeded by Kenneth T. Fuller, of New Brockton, who for the past year has served as law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Robert Simpson in Montgomery. Mr. Fuller entered Justice Simpson's employ upon his discharge from the Army. His appointment as solicitor was made by Governor Polson.

**LEGION TO MEET**

The regular monthly meeting of Culver Post No. 42, and Auxiliary will be held tonight, Jan. 2, at the Legion Hut on Troy Highway. Business incident to the beginning of the new year will be transacted and all members are urged to attend.

**NO BIG CHANGES**

University—A discoverer of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Dr. John Trever, said here in a Phi Beta Kappa address that he does not expect the Bible as we know it to be substantially changed in meaning by the scrolls.

**MILLION VEHICLES**

Alabama registered 1,092,968 motor vehicles during the 1956-57 fiscal year, official State records show. This was an increase of \$3,550 over the previous year.

## HIGHER COSTS FOR INSURANCE LIABILITY SEEN

New York—Motorists in most states face higher charges for automobile liability in 1958.

This view of the outlook for automobile insurance rates was given to the public today by William Leslie, general manager of the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters, a rating organization with a membership of 122 stock companies writing casualty insurance.

The outlook is based not on opinion but on stern economic facts," Mr. Leslie stated. "Reluctant as the insurance carriers are to seek higher rates, there is no alternative. As inflationary pressures continue to push up the costs of settling accident claims incurred by insured motorists, rate revisions during 1958 will undoubtedly involve increases. In many states rate increases have already been approved by supervisory authorities that will affect a large part of the volume of business written in 1958.

**Underwriting Losses Severe**

"During 1956 member companies of the Bureau suffered a countrywide underwriting loss of 7.9 per cent on automobile liability insurance. This means that automobile liability claim costs and expenses amounted to \$107.90 for every \$100 of premiums earned, or an aggregate underwriting loss of more than \$64,000,000. Their automobile physical damage insurance business, collision, comprehensive, fire, theft, etc., was also unprofitable. Other stock companies and mutual companies also sustained serious underwriting losses during 1956.

**Reports for the first six months of this year indicate the prospect of an even worse underwriting loss situation for the year 1957. The underwriting loss, for example, for all lines for one company jumped from \$25,000 in the first half of 1956 to \$6,635,000 in the comparable period of 1957; for another from \$238,000 to \$11,800,000; for another from \$154,900 to \$3,375,000; and for still another from \$3,500,000 to \$8,801,000.**

**More Costlier Claims**

"Inflation has forced up average claim costs for both bodily injury and property damage liability. In addition, the adverse effect of inflation on property damage claims has been aggravated by continuing climbing repair costs from car design, the new wrap-around windshields, for example.

"During the postwar period from 1954 through 1956, claim costs for both bodily injury and property damage increased on the average more than 6 per cent a year, with the result that bodily injury claims settled in 1956 on the country-wide basis were 82 per cent higher. And there is no evidence of any apparent leveling off of costs in the foreseeable future."

**Postwar Experience Adverse**

"We have had an inflationary economy ever since the beginning of World War II. First it was a creeping inflation. Then after the Korean outbreak it became a galloping inflation. More recently its pace changed; again it is the creeping type."

Contrary to general belief, automobile liability insurance has been underwritten at a loss by member companies of the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters in the aggregate since the end of World War II, the Bureau executive said.

**BIDS RECEIVED**

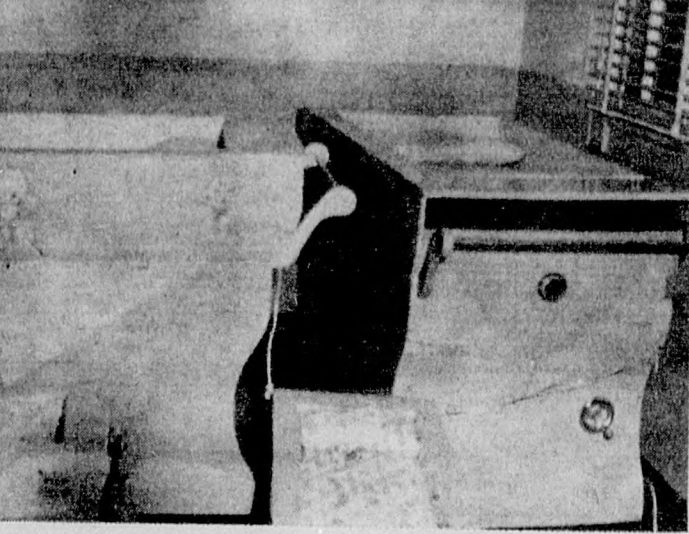
Colonel Harold E. Bisbort, Army District Engineer at Mobile, Alabama, announced today that plans and specifications have been completed and bids are now being received for construction of a new Army Reserve Training Center at Opp, Alabama.

**SPARKMAN'S PROPOSAL**

Washington—Senator Sparkman (D., Ala.), Chairman, Joint Agricultural Policy Subcommittee, declared today that he would fight any program calling for forced migration of America's farm families to the cities.

Sparkman's pronouncement was prompted by testimony during recent hearings which recommended policies to force farmers off farms. These hearings of his Subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee were held in December.

## FIRST ELECTRIC CRADLE-ROCKERS



The first electric cradle-rocker manufactured by the Electric Nursery Queen, Inc., in Elba, are seen here in both the standard and "toy" models.

The company was organized by G. B. Panamare, president, and manufacture has been started in the building formerly occupied by Flack Lumber Co.

## DISCUSSIONS OF GREAT BOOKS TO START FRIDAY

The Great Books Club will begin regular meetings tomorrow, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elba Public Library with a discussion of the Declaration of Independence.

All interested in reading and discussing classics of literature are invited to attend these meetings which will be held every second week. There are no dues, no formal club organization other than a discussion leader.

## State Docks Has Outstanding Year

This year has been a record year for the Docks," say Director Knox McRae in a year-end review of the Alabama State Docks in Mobile.

"The most outstanding twelve month period of the fiscal year which ended September 30, will also be reflected in the figures for the calendar year ending this month, a record in earnings, expansion of improvements and expansion of accessory services such as additional steamship lines.

"However, I feel that one of the greatest steps the State Docks made this year was the inauguration of the network of inland docks on the State's navigable waterways. This project, already underway from the profits from operations on the State Docks, will be furthered by the passage December 17th of Amendment Number One, heartily endorsed by the people of Alabama."

"In addition to the two docks underway (one under construction at Huntsville, one nearing completion at Florence), the State Docks has selected a site at Decatur, and engineering studies are being completed for a docks there. Studies are also being made at Columbus on the Chattahoochee; in Walker County on the Warrior; in the Sheffield-Tusculum area on the Tennessee. And at the Port of Mobile Docks expansion on land acquired north of the Docks on Chickasaw Creek."

**CONTRACT AWARDED**

Colonel Harold E. Bisbort, Army District Engineer at Mobile, Alabama, announced today the award of a contract in the amount of \$165,843.30 to Henderson, Black and Greene, Inc., of Troy, Alabama, for the construction of a 200-man Army Reserve Training Center at Troy.

## STATE VOTERS REJECT ONLY 1 AMENDMENT

When the voters of Coffee County turned thumbs down on proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 13 they showed the same attitude as the majority of voters in the state as a whole.

The official count in Montgomery last week of the special election Dec. 17 showed a majority for every proposed Amendment except No. 13 which would have imposed a 20-mill property tax on the people of Marion County without them having an opportunity to vote on such a tax. This was in keeping with the vote in Coffee County which showed a majority for every proposed Amendment, except No. 13.

**Confession No. 18**

By a 3-2 margin the voters of Alabama conformed Amendment No. 18 which gives the Legislature power to abolish Macon County if such a step is necessary to prevent Negroes from gain political control. The vote was 79.0 per cent and 48,568 no. Only six counties showed a majority in opposition. They were Colbert, Lauderdale, Madison, Marion, Mobile and Morgan, all except Mobile being in the Tennessee Valley section of North Alabama.

The first six amendments, all relating to bond issues, built up the most impressive margin. Amendment No. 1, which was strongly endorsed by Governor Polson, which provided for a \$10 million inland docks bond issue, carried every county except Jefferson in which Birmingham is situated. Amendments No. 2 through 6 carried in every county in the state.

**Official Vote**

The official vote on the 25 amendments was as follows:

- No. 1 (Docks bond issue) — For 101,892; Against 41,123.
- No. 2 (Def-blind bonds) — For 128,383; Against 20,338.
- No. 3 (Mental hospitals) — For 126,323; Against 21,218.
- No. 4 (University funds) — For 119,411; Against 26,366.
- No. 5 (Auburn bonds) — For 116,929; Against 57,992.
- No. 6 (Hospital bonds) — For 106,103; Against 30,104.
- No. 7 (Mobile bonds) — For 80,253; Against 32,286.
- No. 8 (Clubhouse tax) — For 72,882; Against 33,386.
- No. 9 (Russell tax) — For 72,450; Against 32,771.
- No. 10 (Indigent program) — For 74,696; Against 33,971.
- No. 11 (City debts) — For 60,484; Against 45,471.
- No. 12 (Walker fees) — For 74,696; Against 33,971.
- No. 13 (Marion tax) — For 33,992; Against 67,591.
- No. 14 (Bullock tax) — For 54,624; Against 41,823.
- No. 15 (Tallapoosa tax) — For 65,229; Against 30,729.
- No. 16 (Colbert tax) — For 66,368; Against 30,068.
- No. 17 (Butler tax) — For 64,295; Against 31,102.
- No. 18 (Macon abolition) — For 75,019; Against 48,568.
- No. 19 (Walker tax) — For 52,116; Against 41,044.
- No. 20 (DeKalb fees) — For 60,485; Against 39,972.
- No. 21 (Madison fees) — For 62,118; Against 39,861.
- No. 22 (Colbert fees) — For 62,035; Against 39,274.
- No. 23 (Cullman fees) — For 62,467; Against 39,471.
- No. 24 (Dallas salaries) — For 39,890; Against 53,914.
- No. 25 (Montgomery law library) — For 53,548; Against 38,195.

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YOUR PHARMACIST



## 4-H NEWS Round-up

BY TOM CASADAY • ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT

**Pine Trees**  
Over 100 Coffee County 4-Hers received pine trees this past week to set out during the holidays. Thirty thousand trees were donated by the International Paper Company. The judging of Mrs. Hilda Lunsford plans to set out about 150 trees on the school property. Interest in trees continue to grow. Almost everyone likes to see trees growing. They add to the economic strength of the county and they add to the beauty of the country side.

**Officers**  
All 4-H clubs in the county will elect officers soon after the Christmas holidays. The new officers will take over in February after attending training meetings the latter part of January, and early in the year will decide on the winning group of boy and girl officers who have served this year. The winning group of boys and girls will go with us to Panama City for a day and a half about the same school is out in the spring.

**Christmas**  
Boys and girls especially, and I'm sure everyone, enjoys Christmas. In the club meetings the past two weeks we've noticed the pretty Christmas decorations in the schools. And seeing all the pretty things plus the smiling faces of the boys and girls remind us of the joy of the Christmas season. And the importance of Christ birth nearly 2000 years ago. At this time of the year I'm sure a lot of people remind themselves of how wonderful it is to be alive.

**Key Line Club Meeting**  
A group of Key Line community 4-H boys and girls enjoyed the Christmas party held at the club house.

Mrs. James Russell is local leader for the club and always does an excellent job in planning and furnishing refreshments. Mrs. Hutcheson and I met with them and enjoyed everything very much.

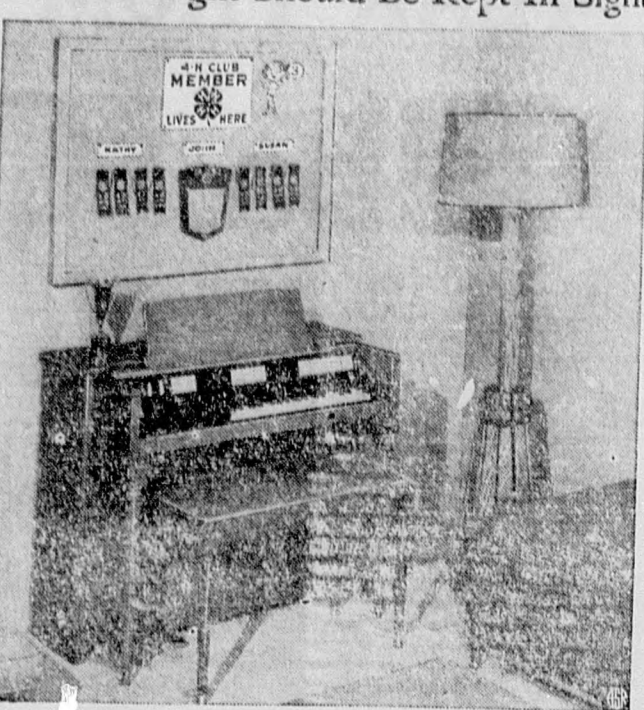
**Smoker Says:**  
"CARELESSNESS IS ANOTHER WORD FOR NOT THINKING."



Think of those tiny trees—the future woods!

Get the Clipper Reading Habit

## Honors Bright Should Be Kept in Sight



One of the proudest moments in a 4-Her's life is the winning of an award, and these winning ribbons should be kept in sight to be enjoyed daily by the family.

4-H ribbons and plaques can be made into interesting wall accessories by mounting them on cork, pegboard, or plywood. Pictured above is one way in which three members of a family display their honors in an interesting arrangement above the family musical instrument, the chord organ.

Ribbons might also be pinned to a horizontal strip of felt on the wall, or arranged in a sunburst effect around a plaque or other 4-H symbol.

Plan a wall arrangement using your honors as an attractive conversation piece.

## Social Security Rule Explained

Harry Scott, district manager of the Dothan Social Security Office today reminded social security beneficiaries that they may earn as much as \$1,200 a year and not give up any of their monthly benefit checks for the year. This is the earnings test which is used to determine whether or not a beneficiary who is still working can get benefit payments. The \$1,200 limitation is a combination of all earnings during the year. "It includes earnings from both covered and non-covered employment and self-employment," he said.

For those earning over \$1,200 but less than \$2,000 we are concerned with the amount of wages earned or the amount of business management conducted in a month," he added. "Where the total does not exceed \$1,200 for the year neither of these events will cause the loss of any monthly checks.



## OUT ON A LIMB

By Stumpy McCulloch

Of Zeke's daughter had to write an essay of 250 words about a monster. Here's what she submitted:

My uncle bought a monster. He was riding in the country, when it busted up a hill. I think this is about twenty words. The other two hundred and thirty are what my uncle said when he was walking back to town—but they are not fit for publication!

Twenty-two thousand seedlings set out in one ten-hour day—by one tree-planting machine. That, sir, is a big day's work.

And that's exactly what Don Pitchett of Hubbard County, Minn., did. He did it with the help of a home-made, two-row tree planter and a four-man planting crew.

Don made the planter for his own use out of spare parts from old discarded farm equipment. He put only \$80 worth of new materials into the machine.

Don writes that the two planting units are built entirely independent of each other, can be set four, six or eight feet apart or made into two single-row machines. An electric bell, powered from the tractor battery, can be set to ring at any distance, telling the planters when they should set a tree into the furrow for proper spacing.

Here's how the four men divide the work: one operates the tractor, two do the planting and a fourth sits between the planters, sorting trees and keeping a supply ready for each planter. A big hat on the back for Don-ages, sir!

Of Cypress asked me what he can do on his own to protect his woodlot from fire. Here's what I told him: Keep your fire lanes well plowed. Keep your tractor and disc handy for fire fighting, along with rakes, drums or barrels of water, and gummy socks. And don't burn slash or fuels unless conditions are right—wind and plenty of hands to help. If you don't already have a local fire department, see if you can't persuade your community to organize a voluntary group. After it is trained to fight fires, it can be of great help in cutting fire losses.

Home—the place a husband can say what he pleases because nobody pays any attention to him anyway. So long! See you next week!

Drive Slow and Live Longer

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. T. Bracewell and Wife to National Security Ins. Co. \$11,000.00.  
J. L. Farris, et al to Eugene Farris, \$6,000.00.  
Mrs. Etta Ballard to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
J. T. Pierce to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Ruby N. Gray to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Carroll H. Lusk and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
P. S. Spurnia and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Edgar Davis and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
G. E. Hudson and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
J. L. Hudson and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Lena Pearce and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
S. W. Coon and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Aaron L. Kelley to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Lena Blatchelor to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Ole Daugherty and wife, \$1,000.  
Lena and Teresa Brunson to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Leon W. Hawthorne to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
H. B. Larkins and wife to Coffee County, \$1,000.  
Annie Liza and Chester Coleman to Elba Housing Authority, \$1,250.00.  
Theron K. Dorsey and wife

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to James H. Patrenos, \$8,250.00.

Adding the flavoring to bottled custards, frosting, tarts, etc., when they are cold will prevent evaporation of part of the essence.



wishing you...

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

In this brand new year that's here, we hope it will be packed full of happiness for you and yours.

## PAUL'S CAFE



At this time of the year, as on no other occasion, we are privileged to give expression to our thoughts of those whose friendship and good will we cherish. May we extend our cordial greetings and good wishes for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

**WESTERN AUTO Associate Store**  
FOY W. ENGLISH, Owner

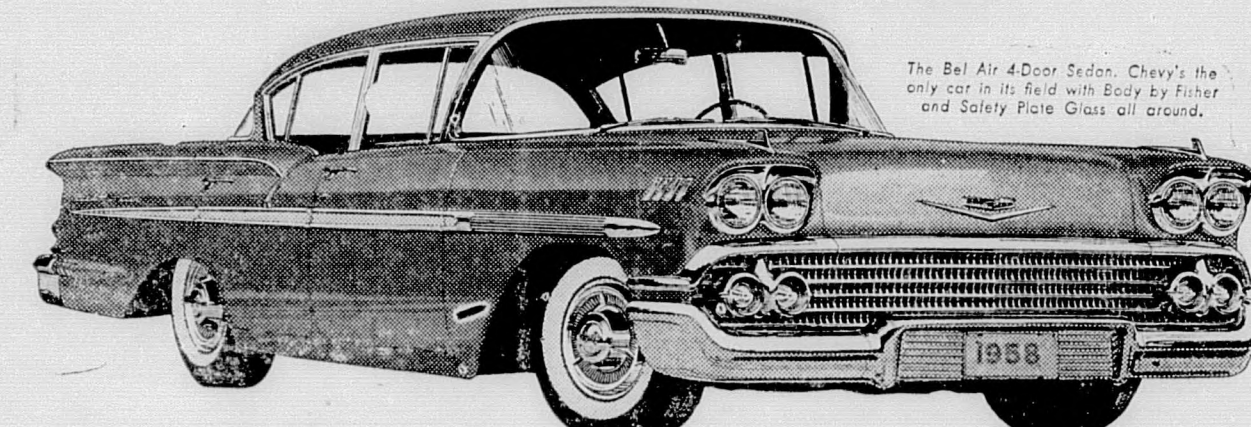
## THE WORLD OF WOOD

RESEARCH TOWARD "SUPER" TREES TO MAKE SOUTHERN WOODLANDS MORE PROFITABLE FOR FARMERS AND OTHER TIMBER GROWERS IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE 10,000 ACRE SOUTHLANDS EXPERIMENT FOREST NEAR BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA!

WITH THE SALE OF MATURED TREES SOUTHLANDS BECOMES THE SOLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE ECONOMY OF THE SOUTH!

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE STUDIES AT SOUTHLANDS WILL BE DEVOTED TO PROMOTE AN ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SPORTSMEN!

## LOWEST PRICED of the LOW-PRICED THREE in the models most people buy\*



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Stop by your Chevrolet dealer's and let him prove it. He's making quick appraisals and prompt deliveries!

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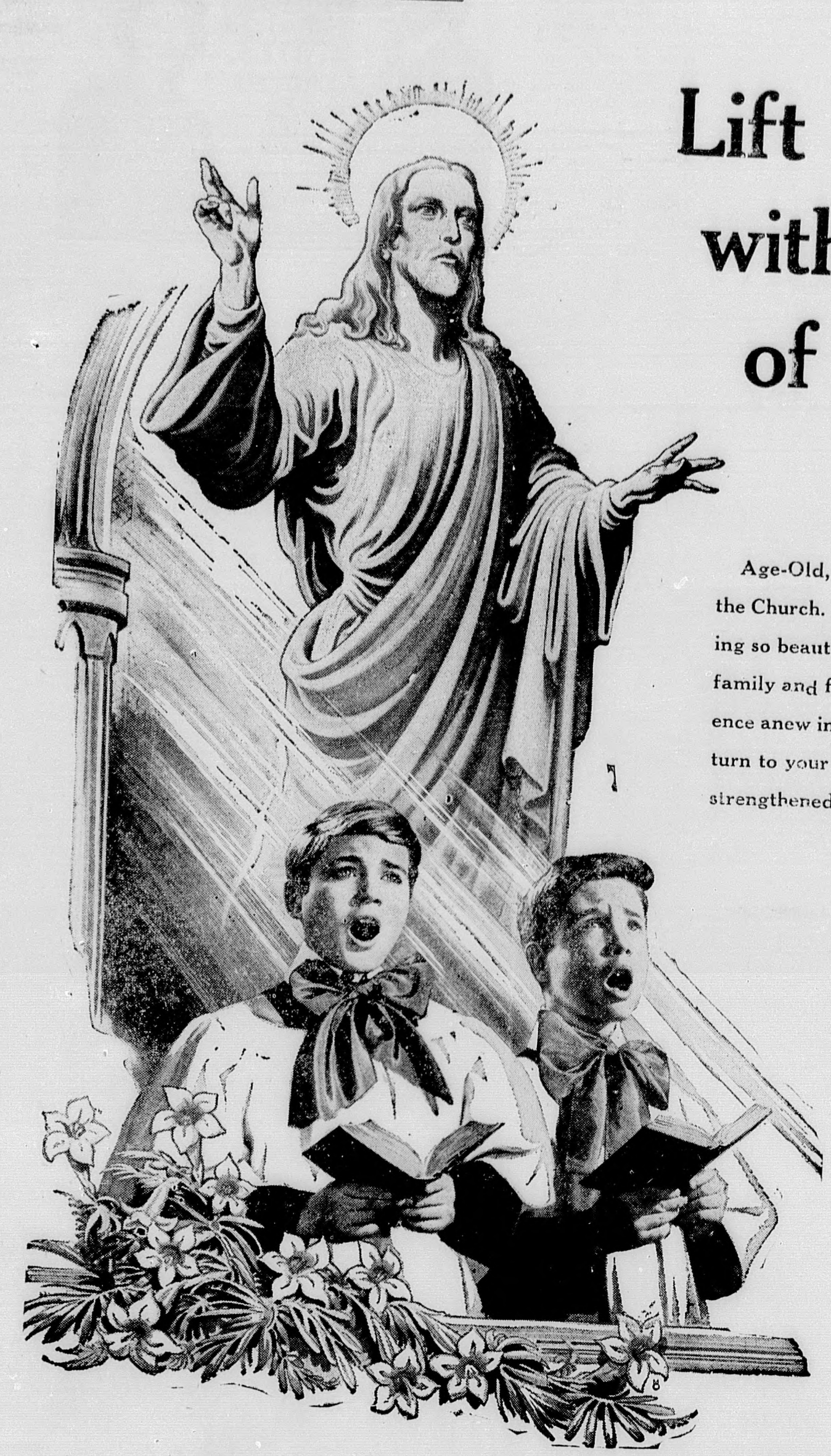
See your local authorized Chevrolet dealer for quick appraisal—prompt delivery!

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## Come to CHURCH



## Lift your heart with the glory of Worship

Age-Old, yet ever-new, is the transcendent glory of the Church. And where else can you find its true meaning so beautifully expressed. Here, as you join with family and friends in song and prayer, you will experience anew in your heart the miracle of worship, and return to your work-a-day world refreshed in spirit and strengthened in faith, hope and courage.

## COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Join your voice with choir and organ in those well loved hymns. See in the flowers, the beautiful symbolization of spiritual rebirth. Rejoice with loved ones, friends and neighbors in the

bright and shining glory of the Day.  
In prayer, express your gratitude for the promise of life everlasting—given to all mankind.

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## STATE AND U. S. CROP SUMMARY

Following is the crop summary for 1957 just issued by the Alabama Cooperative Crop Reporting Service based on information from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry.

Total value of principal crops in Alabama in 1957 amounted to \$210 million dollars. This represents a decline of 23 percent from the 263.9 million dollar value of crop production in 1956. Smaller crops of cotton and peanuts in 1957, along with lower prices for these commodities, were the major reasons for the sharp decline in value of farm production from 1956. Oats, potatoes and pecans also contributed to the decline in value from a year ago. Corn, wheat, sweet potatoes and sorghum grain showed some increase in value over 1956; however, this increase was not significant enough to

greatly offset the over-all decline reflected for all crops. The 1957 planting season began about on schedule but progress was slow due to frequent rains. Despite some delay, there was ample opportunity to plant the full intended acreage. The season was generally favorable until late July when some dry spots began to appear. August rainfall was very light in all areas of Alabama and crops deteriorated. The dry weather hastened maturity and harvest of cotton and sorghum. The dry weather continued until December 8, when general frost damage to unharvested crops was heavy. Much of the damage was from reduced production losses also occurred.

CRN: The 1957 corn crop

is estimated at 37,772,000 bushels. This compares with 36,675,000 bushels produced in 1956 and the 10-year average production of 46,474,000 bushels. Early corn was generally good over the state in 1957, but the lack of timely rains resulted in poor yields on much of the late acreage. The average yield is placed at 26.0 bushels per acre compared with 25.0 bushels in 1956 and the record high yield in 1955 of 30.0 bushels. The average harvested in 1957 at 2,222,000 acres is only slightly below the 2,267,000 acres harvested in 1956; nevertheless, it is the low-est corn acreage harvested in Alabama since 1911.

**COTTON:** Cotton production in 1957 totaled an estimated 300,000 equivalent 500 pound bales. This compares with 250,000 bales produced in 1956 and the 1946-55 production of 301,000 bales. Yield per harvested acre in 1957 at 348 pounds of lint cotton is above the 10-year average but is below 1956 and far below the record 1955 yield of 478 pounds per acre. Rainy weather during the 1957 harvest season caused some reduction in yield and resulted in heavy losses from grade reductions. A total of 755,000 acres of cotton was harvested in 1957 compared with 972,000 the previous year and 1,477,000 acres for the 1946-55 average. Participation in the Soil Bank program accounts for much of the acreage reduction from 1956.

**PEANUTS:** Production of peanuts in 1957 at 140,400,000 pounds is far below the 216,140,000 pounds produced in 1956 and the 10-year average production of 245,570,000 pounds. Dry weather during August along with a heavy loss of nuts from September rains accounts for much of the reduction from 1956. The 1957 yield per acre is 675 pounds compared with 1010 pounds a year earlier. The acreage of peanuts picked and threshed

last year. She is a student at the Tuscaloosa High School and has received many honors there.

Judge Ralph Kennerly is State Chairman for the March of Dimes. Judge Kennerly's home is in Mobile, Alabama.

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and low temperatures in the Lower Valley of Texas resulted in scattered damage to citrus and vegetables in that area. The full extent of losses in these areas cannot be determined at this time.

Feed grains and forage had a big year in 1957. The corn crop was third largest only slightly smaller than in 1956 and moderately below the outstanding 1948 crop. Oats production was close to average but much larger than in 1956. Sorghum grain more than doubled any previous output. Hay tonnage was almost a tenth larger than the 1953 former record. Pasture growth was unusually lush over most of the country which had been parched in recent summers and which well late in the season, Western ranges generally were best in recent years. Livestock, salesmen for millions of feed grain and forage acres, generally have lived well.

The number of crops with record production in 1957 was not large. They include hay, sorghum grain, sorghum silage, soybeans, barley and sugar beets.

Above average production was attained by corn, sorghum forage, potatoes, rice, sugar cane, maple syrup, broomcorn, apples, cherries, pears, plums, oranges, lemons, cranberries, tung nuts, and vegetables for fresh market and for commercial processing. A long list of crops fell below average: Wheat, both winter and spring, cotton, rice, flaxseed, tobacco, peanuts, dry beans, dry peas, soybeans, velvet beans, hops, peaches, grapes, apricots, grapefruit, pecans, almonds, walnuts, oats, and popcorn were close to average. Some of the below average crops have little relative weight as against the large crops of corn, hay, soybeans, and other major field crops.

**ATTENDANCE IMPROVES**

Attendance is improving at the New Hope Baptist Church, and at the mission sponsored by the church in the Grantham community. Services are held at the church each Sunday and at the mission every other Sunday at 2:30 p.m. where the next service will be Sunday, Jan. 12, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Capps. Rev. Ben Benson is pastor.

A good substitute for pistachio flavoring is three teaspoons of vanilla and one teaspoon of almond extract.

A pastry brush is a useful item to have in the kitchen. It's handy for brushing poultry when getting it ready for the broiler or roaster, and the brush is a help in buttering pans before baking.

Miss Dixie Bullard of Lake Tahoe, Calif., is spending the month with Miss Alice Gibbs and Mrs. Fryer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Yates of Georgia spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Yates. Mrs. Yates returned with them for an extended visit.

Andy Kimmy of the University of Alabama is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kimmy.

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## SOCIETY - NEWS - SECTION

**Elba Study Club Meets at Home of Mrs. Seay**

The Elba Study Club met for the December meeting in the home of Mrs. M. L. Seay with Mrs. Curtis Duke and Mrs. Dan Nelson as co-hosts.

The party rooms were beautifully decorated in Christmas colors.

Miss Eunora Farris, president, presided over the business session. The minutes were read and reports were given by officers and committees.

Mrs. A. C. Dunaway presented the guest speaker, the Rev. Rex Mixson of New Brighton, Miss. Miss Mixson showed slides and gave a talk about the Holy Land and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Christmas carol recordings were enjoyed during the social hour. A party plate and coffee was served to the following members:

Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Oscar English, W. C. Braswell, F. A. Farris, A. C. Dunaway, Fred Harper, Pauline Allen, John Garrett, L. S. Ramer, W. M. Ringdorf, John Kimmy, Gus Owen, Gussie Hutchison, Harris Murphree, Fulton Spurlin, Ralph Hendricks, and Miss Eunora Farris and two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Mixson.

Miss Dixie Bullard of Lake Tahoe, Calif., is spending the month with Miss Alice Gibbs and Mrs. Fryer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mooney and family spent Thursday with relatives in Opp.

**RECENT BRIDE**

Miss Judy Pinecard of Troy State Teachers College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pinecard.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham and Butch are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fuller in Suttle, Ala.

Buddy Whitman, student at Tulane University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitman and children of Washington State arrived last week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitman.

Pete Dorsey of Marion Military Institute is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. E. Dorsey, Jr. Miss Dixie Hayes of Phenix City, Ala., is also spending several days in the Dorsey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fred Prescott and children of Montgomery were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Dan Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dickert and Jack and Jill of Brundidge, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kendrick and family of Selma, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hargrove Jr. of Russellville, Mrs. John Kendrick of Waynesville, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hargrove, Sr., and Buzze of Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Martin had as their guests on Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martin, and daughter of Panama City, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Levi Throver and family of Dothan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Tony, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crook and Mrs. Ida Young.

**Gussie Hutchison BWC Entertained By Mrs. Owen**

The Gussie Hutchison BWC met in the home of Mrs. Robert Owen for the Christmas party.

The living room was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme. Each member brought a gift to put under the Christmas tree. After the social hour, refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Wiley Stanford, Mrs. Melvin Booker, Mrs. Totsye Rhodes, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Buddy Windham, and Mrs. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Conner is spending time with relatives in Decatur and Hopeville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johns of the University of Ala., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John and Mrs. Mrs. Henry Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Crier of Panama City, Fla., spent last weekend with her sister, Miss Little Mae Bullard who accompanied them home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frank Conner and daughter Kayden of Hopeville, Ga., and Miss Mary Linda Vickers of Decatur spent last weekend with relatives here.

Tree pruning can be done now with little fear of insects or disease attacking the freshly cut surfaces. Prune only in stands tall enough to prune up 17 feet of the tree.

**THE OLD TIMER**

"Most of the stumbling blocks people complain about are under their hats."

### WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS A

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here comes 1958... a bouncing, beaming, happy-go-lucky youngster, bright with the promise of 365 brand new days. May the joy that surrounds his arrival signalize the deep and abiding happiness he holds in store for you and yours. May the high hopes with which you greet him be richly fulfilled by his performance. And when, in his turn, he bows off the scene, may his memory long be cherished as one of the very best years of your life.

To our friends, both old and new, We extend this sincere wish: May the New Year be truly happy and prosperous for you and those near to you!

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